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**Village of Wesley Hills
Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Katz, Mayor
Ed McPherson, Deputy Mayor
Howard Richman, Trustee
Ruth Ivey, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marion Ben-Jacob, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Selig, Village Attorney
Donalee Berard, Village Treasurer
Camille Guido-Downey, Village Clerk

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 7 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Katz welcomed Owen Voutsinas-Klose, Scheduler, from the Office of NYS Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (District 38) and stated that he and Board Members look forward to working with the Senator and his office.

Item #1

Resolution #76-21

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting: June 8, 2021

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #2

Acceptance of Soundview Drive-Road Dedication

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the offer of dedication to the Village of Wesley Hills, for general municipal purposes, of the following parcels of an interests in real property as shown on the plat for the subdivision known as “Subdivision Plat of North Wesley Hills Estates” which subdivision plat was filed in the Rockland County Clerk’s Office on July 13, 2017, in Map Book 131, at page 12, as map # 8368, subject to the recording of the Deeds conveying title of such real property to the Village of Wesley Hills:

- (a) Soundview Drive;
- (b) Shade tree easement along Soundview Drive;
- (c) Road widening area along East Willow Tree Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is subject to the following condition:

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1. Developer (Pomona Enterprise) is required to connect to municipal sewer for the home located at 132 E Willow Tree Road (SBL 41.08-1-47.5) and as described on the above-mentioned Subdivision Plat.

Discussion:

Mayor Katz confirmed that the new sewer connection has not yet been completed and requested this item be tabled until the work is complete.

Howard Richman made a motion to table this item, seconded by Ruth Ivey.

Upon vote this motion carried unanimously.

Item #3

Resolution #77-21

Resolution approving a refund to Land Track Title for fee previously paid for an onsite violation search with respect to 7 Moccasin Place

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolutions, seconded by Ed McPherson:

WHEREAS, on or about June 23, 2021, Land Track Title requested a full violation search with respect to 7 Moccasin Place, Wesley Hills, NY and

WHEREAS, on or about said date Land Track Title paid to the Village of Wesley Hills a fee in the amount of \$150.00 for said search, and

WHEREAS, said Land Track Title later requested only a records search and paid separately for such service, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to refund to Land Track Title the sum of \$150.00.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #4

Resolution #78-21

Resolution approving a refund to Municipal Data Services for fee previously paid for an onsite violation search with respect to 16 Astor Place

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

WHEREAS, on or about June 21, 2021, Municipal Data Services requested a full violation search with respect to 16 Astor Place, Wesley Hills, NY and

WHEREAS, on or about said date Municipal Data Services paid to the Village of Wesley Hills a fee in the amount of \$150.00 for said search, and

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WHEREAS, said Municipal Data Services later requested only a records search and paid separately for such service, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to refund to Municipal Data Services the sum of \$150.00.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #5

Resolution #79-21

Resolution approving a refund to Municipal Data Services for fee previously paid for an onsite violation search with respect to 3 Buena Vista Road

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

WHEREAS, on or about June 10, 2021, Municipal Data Services requested a full violation search with respect to 3 Buena Vista Road, Wesley Hills, NY and

WHEREAS, on or about said date Municipal Data Services paid to the Village of Wesley Hills a fee in the amount of \$150.00 for said search, and

WHEREAS, said Municipal Data Services later requested only a records search and paid separately for such service, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to refund to Municipal Data Services the sum of \$150.00.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6

Resolution #80-21

Resolution approving abstracts of audited claims

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, that the general fund claims #18491 through #18663 in the aggregate amount of \$93,617.21 as set forth in Abstract #7/21 dated July 6, 2021, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6A

Resolution #81-21

Resolution approving transfer of funds

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, that the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$113,000.00 as set forth in Abstract #7/21 dated July 6, 2021, a copy of which abstract of audited claims is made a part of the Minutes of this Board, are hereby approved.

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Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #6B

Resolution #82-21

Resolution approving Justice Court Audit

Howard Richman made a motion to move the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, that the Justice Court Audit of the Village Treasurer for 2020-2021 is hereby approved and a copy of which is made apart of the Minutes of this Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said document be forwarded to the New York State Office of Court Administration.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Item #11

Mayor's Report

SAM Grant-Village Hall Renovation

Mayor Katz stated that NYS Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (District 38) has provided the Village with a grant opportunity and he decided that the Village would apply for an interior Village Hall renovation to open the lobby entrance to allow for more counter space and better lines of visibility for the staff and public. The Village has contacted a local architect who has provided the Village with a new interior layout.

Arcadian Pathway Restoration

Mayor Katz stated that the pathway is in terrible shape due to 4-wheelers and dirt bikes riding through the pathway. There are 3-to-4-foot holes in the pathway that need to be repaired asap on an emergency basis. Mayor Katz stated that Environmental Construction has provided a proposal in the amount of \$22,100.00 for the restoration of the Arcadian/Sherri pathway and the funds should be taken from the contingency account. Mayor Katz stated that he also requested large boulders to be placed on both entrances to restrict access to the pathway by 4-wheelers.

Item #6C

Resolution #83-21

Approval of the Proposal from Environmental Construction for the repair of the Arcadian/Sherry Lane Pathway

Howard Richman made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ruth Ivey:

RESOLVED, the Mayor has received a proposal from Environmental Construction for the emergency restoration of the pathway at Arcadian/Sherry Lane is hereby approved at a cost of \$22,100.00 and said funds to be expended from the Village's contingency account and the Mayor is authorized to indicate the approval and acceptance of such proposal by signing same on behalf of the Village of Wesley Hills.

Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

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Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

Mayor Katz stated that the NYSDOT has opened the TAP grant and the Mayor wants to ensure that the Village Board wants to move forward with applying for sidewalks on Willow Tree Road (from 306 to Wilder) despite previous opposition from Willow Tree Road residents. The Village previously conducted surveying work and traffic/pedestrian study. Board Members are in support applying for this grant as the benefits to the Village as a whole outweigh the inconvenience to the Willow Tree Road residents. Those residents will have another opportunity to address the Board on this issue if and when the Village receives the grant. The Village Board determined that we will not use CHIPS money towards this project if the grant is awarded and the Village will contribute 25% of the funding.

Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

Mayor Katz stated that the Village was selected to participate in the RCSWMA'S "Feet on the Street" program. The Solid Waste Authority examines recycling bin contents and educates the residents by placing tags on their bins if they are putting incorrect items out for recycling. The Mayor will provide the Board Members with an update on the program as the data is compiled.

Treasurer's Report

Donalee Berard stated that we are one month into the new budget and there is little to report.

Village Clerk's Report

Village Clerk stated that the Village received 58 complaints last month. 91% of the Village taxes have been collected and there is \$83,026.68 outstanding. 161 payments were made online, 1,012 payments were mailed in and 315 residents paid in person.

A request has been made to Assemblyman Zebrowski's office to change the description of two old grants for paving in the amount of \$45,000.00. These grants are from 1990 under Robert Frankl. The Village records grant is being reviewed and we are still hopeful that we will be awarded the grant.

Howard Richman made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Ed McPherson. Upon vote this motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Howard Richman made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Howard Richman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruth Ivey. Upon vote, this motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Guido-Downey